

ACTIVE VOICE

Spring
April 2008

HIGHLIGHTING OUR SENIORS

ESSAY/THESIS TITLES

Dave Bowen—Selfless Individualism: The Life, Thought, and Art of Natsume Soseki (1867–1916)

Christian Carlson—Atlanta Race Riot of 1906

Hiroimi Chimura—Significance of Kamikaze Soldiers in Japanese and American History

Claire Collins—Therese Philosphé and Juliette: The Evolution of Libertine Pornography

Kellie Curd—Leaking Masculinity

Wendy Farrens—The Influence of Memories on the History of the Battle of Chickamauga

Jennifer Figarola—Poetry as Protest: France's Creation of the 'Elite' and Negritude's Reaction to Colonial Policies

Lori Goldstein—Paddy and the Irish Immigrant: Nineteenth Century White Racial Theory on the Minstrel Stage

Robert Gray—The Natives are Restless: The Incomplete Spanish Conquest of Chile

Scott Green—The Wehrmacht in WWII: How and Why They Fought So Well

Robert Guthrie—Hostis Humani Generis: Truth and Power Relations in the 18th Century Caribbean

Mark Henkel—That Is My Picture: A History Of The Great American Novel

Elena Herron—Traditions of Violence, Pathways of Inclusion: Los Angeles and the Chinese, 1870–1910

Rachael Honick—United States Foreign Policy to Europe: The Seeds of Imperialism and Economic Militarism, 1945-1950

Andrew Jones—The Order of Words after the Babalic Camps: Expliquer l'inexplicable

David Khuen—Nigerian Civil War

Peter King—The Haitian Revolution

Elizabeth Lundeen—Paulo Freire and the Pedagogy of the Oppressed in Brazil

Jamie Maltman—Anglo-Scottish Wars: 13th - 17th centuries

Todd Nordblom—The Price of Liberty

Kerry O'Shaughnessy—Audie Murphy: American Warrior

Derek Patrosso—The Role of "Luck" in Escaping Nazi Persecution

Kunal Prahash—Cultural Revolutions: Refashioning Culture in the Nationalist Movements of French West Africa

Turner Resor—General Custer and the Bismark Tribune : Making the Myth

Alana Reynolds—Colorado College During the McCarthy Years

Amanda Robb—Empire through a Veil of Smoke: A Look at British Medical Missions in Nineteenth-Century China

Alyson Roberts—The Agenda of Memory: The Partition of India and Pakistan and the Voices of Those Who Remember

Cody Robertson—The Thirsty Quest: Lafayette City Council's Search For Water

Ian Ross—Early Success of Taiping Militarization

Brian Schellenberg—The Woman Habsburg: An Exploration of Reactions to Maria Theresa's Womanhood

Joseph Seguin—Exchanging Fire for Fury: Manipulating the International Left for Survival and the Zapatista Movement, 1994-2008

Jaime Stevenson—All Fiction is History. An Historical Consciousness is Real. Ludlow, Colorado.

Andrew Stock—The Decline of British Colonialism Through Changes in Royal Navy Policy

Nolan Swett—Do you think a N***** is a Human Being?"

Special points of interest

- Senior Essays
- Professors
- History Day
- Thank You
- New Tenure Track
- Congratulations
- History Research/Clerical Assistant Needed

Senior Essay/Thesis (Continue)

Aly Titterington—The Mexican Murals and their Legacy

Julie Vo—Urban Space and Identity: San Francisco's Chinatown 1854-1882

Isabel Werner—Should We Stay or Should We Go?: Reactions to the American Dust Bowl

Jeffrey Wilson—Reagan and the News: The Development of a Misguided U.S. Foreign Policy for Sandinista Nicaragua

Chris Woodcock—Gyokusai: Crushed Jewels—Ascribing Memory and Meaning to Japanese War Dead

Yvonne Yazzie—Civil Rights Movement in the Southwest

Regina Yemma—A Study in Environmental History: Rousseau & Thoreau, and Their Influence on Man's Sensibility Toward Nature

Seniors who haven't submitted an essay/thesis title:

Thomas Carruthers

Kevin Cryan

David Light

Have a wonderful summer
Best Wishes to our
Graduates



See the rest of you next
year!!

Your History Department

We would like to recognize our combined Senior History Majors

History/Political Science

Amanda Chavez
Jacques Dubois
Misael Fernandez
Dermot Monks
Martha Saenz
Lily Stroud

Megan Cornish
Tiffany Etter
Colin Kelly
Ryan Paulson
Katherine Schwartz
Alexandra Titterington

History/Philosophy

Zale Clay
Warren Pettine

Classics/History/ Politics

Garrik C. Storgaard



Recognizing our History Minors

Emily Kelley
Kirsten Ostergaard
Alicia Puleo
Melissa Walls

New Tenure-Track Hire

We are pleased to announce that we have hired David Torres-Rouff, Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara. Next year he is scheduled to teach Race, Ethnicity and Immigration; Borders, Boundaries and Identities; The American Past; Gender in America: From Colonial Times to 1920.

A warm welcome goes out to David from all of us!

A BIG Congratulations and Good-bye to
John Romano
A Mellon Fellow at the
Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies
Toronto, Canada.
Best Wishes!

History Day

Presentation of all
senior work

Friday, May 2, 2008

Celebration following at
1210 Wood Avenue

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to our History
Council for a job well done!

Zale Clay
Andrew Jones
Alyson Roberts, Chair
Brian Schellenberg
Jaimie Stevenson

NEWS FROM OUR PROFESSORS

Susan Ashley—Work in the Dean's Office lately focused on hiring ten new tenure track faculty, including our own David Torres-Rouff in the History Department. Other new faculty include an award-winning novelist in English, a Brazilian expert on immigration in Economics, a Japanese political scientist interested in China, a symbolic interactionist in Sociology, a lawyer who just received his Ph.D in Islam, a developmental biologist, a biochemist, and Stefan Erikson who has taught for three years in Math as a visitor. For the last week and a half of block 6, I took a bit of a break and joined Re Evitt and Rebecca Tucker's class on Dante and Michelangelo in Italy. It was very good to be back in Italy and with students again talking about the connections between medieval and Renaissance art and literature. Thanks to the art department, we had two hours in the Sistine Chapel one evening by ourselves.

Peter Blasenheim—As of this writing, Peter is off next week to the Brazilian Studies Conference at Tulane in New Orleans where he's delivering a paper on his favorite historian, Richard Morse, on a panel he'll be sharing with Bia Domingues, his Brazilian colleague who was our Visiting Scholar in Residence in 1999. Bia will be coming back to CC with him for a few days, and she'll do a couple of gigs for the history department and the Latin American JUNTA. He's also very busy with his Writing Center responsibilities and his new role as chair of a committee that will help redesign the Spanish department.

Anne Hyde—Anne is taking a semester of unpaid leave to finish a book manuscript for the University of Nebraska Press. This leaves her poor, but with time to do things like repaint bathrooms, train a new Labrador retriever and travel to archives in St. Louis and Kansas City.

Doug Monroy—Beginning in June, he will teach the Southwest Studies Summer Institute which is part of CC's Master of Arts in Teaching program. My course will be titled *Flesh and Spirit: Discussing Race, Bodies, and Spiritualities through Art, Literature, and History*. It's meant to sound sexy, and should be.

Jane Murphy—Jane and her family are looking forward to a Colorado summer after the festivities of their first CC commencement. In July, Jane will be traveling across the Atlantic (with her four-year-old daughter Sophia, oh my) to present a paper at the joint British, Canadian and US History of Science meeting in Oxford. Otherwise, she's revising two articles related to her dissertation research on French and Ottoman scientific practices in eighteenth-century Egypt. Her review of Muzaffar Iqbal's *Science and Islam* will appear this spring in the journal *Science*.

Carol Neel—At this writing, Carol is still sabbaticating in the slowly thawing north, in Minnesota, working at St. John's University/Abbey's Hill Monastic Manuscript Museum and Library on a collaborative project with Classics-History-Politics alum Ambrose (Greg) Criste. She is looking forward to getting back into the sunshine in June, and to teaching a First Year Experience group in Blocks 1 and 2—Western Civ, but with emphasis on the history of book-making, with many activities in Special Collections and at the Press at Colorado College.

From our Chair, Tip Ragan—Spring 2008 was a busy time for Tip. He taught a course on the History and Philosophy of Identity at the Newberry Library in Chicago. The students wrote on a very wide variety of topics, testing Tip's ability to help them in any meaningful way! Because the Newberry Library provides such a rich experience for students to immerse themselves completely in research, Tip has decided to offer a new course there next year, during block 8, entitled "Modernists and Their Critics." Upon his return to the Springs, Tip taught the historiography course required of majors, "Studying History." He was a bit intimidated by teaching this demanding course on his own, having offered it three times in the past, each time in a team-taught situation. Somehow he appears to have muddled his way through! This summer, he has several plans, including teaching the capstone course in the MAT program on "Integrated Foundations of Education." He looks forward to teaching this course, because it provides him with the opportunity to think in a much more focused way about the challenges and goals of the educational process.

John Romano—John is finishing up an exciting year as Visiting Assistant Professor, and would like to thank the faculty, staff, and students in the History Department for making his time in Colorado stimulating and productive. He has a busy summer planned: he intends to present a paper at a medieval conference in Leeds, England; to put the finishing touches on an article about the origins of the liturgical season of Advent; and to do work on turning his dissertation into a book. Next year, he will pursue his own research as a Mellon Fellow at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in Toronto, Canada.

Bryan Rommel-Ruiz, Associate Chair—Bryan Rommel-Ruiz has been busy working on his Film and History book project, *American History, American Cinema: History, Hollywood, and Representing the American Past*. But after two exhausting blocks of directing the American history job search and serving as the Acting Chair while Tip taught a class in Chicago Block 6, he took a much needed vacation and went camping with his family in Trinidad, CO.

Claire Salinas—Claire is leaving the History Department after two years as a Visiting Professor. She thanks the faculty, staff, and her former students for the experience. Having obtained funds from the CC Social Science Faculty fund and won a Research Travel Award from the Society for French Historical Studies, she will be spending the summer in France completing research and revisions on her second article.

Dennis Showalter—Dennis is hard at work making the final adjustments to the syllabus for his Block 8 World War II course. He's twenty thousand words into the first draft of *Hitler's Panzers: Add, registration, and seeing seniors through their essays and theses, and he can't say he's bored. But periodically he does feel the urge to relocate to a beach somewhere on the Mexican coast, watch the waves roll in, and wait for the Viagra to take effect! Best to you all—drop him an email or drop by in person—you'll be welcome.*

David Torres-Rouff—David will spend the spring, summer, and fall further cultivating his jet-setter lifestyle. He'll attend

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News from our Professors (continue)

an ACM conference on "Teaching the City" and speak on a panel regarding new approaches to 19th Century California History at the AHA's Pacific Coast Branch conference in Pasadena in August. Sandwiched in between will be a 6-week Chilean sojourn, during which he hopes to perfect the arts of book writing, open-hearth cooking, and duck evisceration. No less exciting, David will be working diligently to prepare a brand new course for next year. He will teach Gender in America: From Colonial Times to 1920, cross-listed with FGS, during Block 8, 2009. The class, which will explore the dynamic constructions of gender as they connected to race, class, and sexuality, is part of David's new curriculum. He encourages all students to sign up for its dazzling debut.

John Williams—After giving a paper at an Asian Studies conference in South Carolina, John enjoyed teaching his first sequence of HY399 Studying History with an excellent group of majors, hyphenated majors, and minors. He also is having fun teaching 20th Century Japan for

the first time since his trip to Japan with CC faculty last summer, incorporating images and materials – not to mention historical insights – gained on that trip. This summer and fall he will return to Asia for research at the National Palace Museum in Taipei, Taiwan, and the Shanghai municipal library.

Good-bye to Claire Salinas

We want to thank Claire for spending the last two years with us teaching European history. Best wishes for a great new year!



History Research/Clerical Assistant Needed Academic Year 2008—2009

Duties and Responsibilities:

Searching the web for images for power point presentations and for sources for bibliographies and class reading packets. Computer work including complete knowledge of all the equipment in our high technology classrooms, word processing, microsoft excel and ordering books for the library. Scanning and copying reading materials for classes; posting notices of upcoming lectures in various locations around campus; answering a busy departmental phone and taking messages. Maintaining departmental bulletin boards with updated material including posting of graduate school information, as well as internships, scholarships, and summer school opportunities. Assists in supporting the faculty with instructional technology.

Qualifications:

Proficiency with word processing and microsoft excel, dependability, pleasant phone manner, outgoing personality, history major and financial aid recipient.

If interested, please contact Sandy Papuga, Extension 6523
email: spapuga@coloradocollege.edu or stop by her office, Palmer 208C



Chit Chat From The Office Staff

Sandy Papuga—Sandy spent a relaxing weekend in Glenwood Springs during spring break and now is refreshed to finish the academic year. This time of the year is always busy, fun and exciting preparing our seniors for graduation, meeting the parents of our graduates and celebrating with them.

During the summer months, Sandy's work week is reduced to 18 hours and she is really looking forward to that. Summer plans include company visiting for the Memorial Day weekend, a trip to LA in June to visit daughter Angela and at the end of July, a trip back East to attend a 50th wedding anniversary and a family reunion.

Wishing you all a great and relaxing summer!

Joanna Popiel—Joanna is looking forward to the summer with joy and expectation. She and her husband will welcome another grandchild in July and her youngest son will have an August wedding. The knitting event at the Cliff House last Saturday was a great success and she's looking into another 'event' at the end of

September. Congratulations to the graduating class. Wishing you a great summer. See you in September.

Alyson Roberts—Alyson has spent the last few months filling out applications, on the verge of panic, trying to find something to do after graduation. Fortunately for her, and her sanity, she recently was offered a position at a guest ranch in northern Colorado, where she will spend her summer working and playing in the Rockies. After all the stress and hard work of Colorado College, she will be able to have the opportunity to kick back for a while and just enjoy her new found freedom. She is looking forward to taking a break from school, and while graduate school is definitely in the plans for the near future, it will be nice not to have to write for a while. Alyson could not have had a better experience working and studying in the History Department, and she will remember everyone fondly.